

# DON'T LET WASHING LEAVE



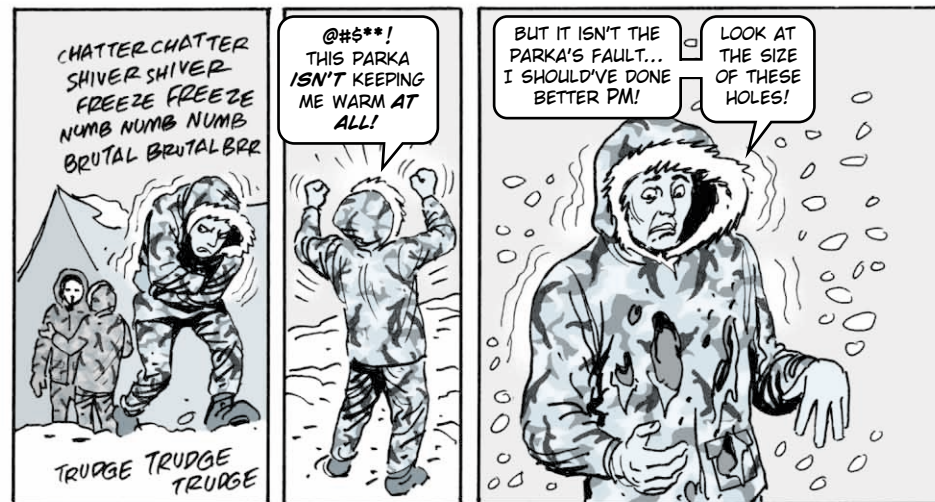
In bone-chilling weather, you don't want to find out your extended cold weather clothing (ECWCS) can't do its job because you didn't do your job taking care of it. That would be a chilling experience indeed. Here's how to keep the chill out:

**Wash ECWCS only in warm water.** Washing in hot water hurts the fabric's water repellency and fades its color. Wash ECWCS in warm water on PERMANENT PRESS or NORMAL COTTON STURDY. Use any standard liquid or powdered detergent, but **no** bleach. Rinse **thoroughly** in warm water. Any detergent left on the fabric hurts repellency.

Tumble dry on PERMANENT PRESS. Tumble drying helps restore water repellency. But don't let the ECWCS get burning hot. That can damage it. Take it out of the dryer as soon as it's dry.



# ECWCS WASHED UP



## Patch small holes while they're small.

Take a patch kit to the field and repair holes or rips as soon as possible. Follow the instructions on the kit. If a hole goes unrepaired for long, it gets too big to repair and you've got to toss the ECWCS. Get the patch kits at your local military clothing sales store.

You can't patch ECWCS more than 3 times or patch more than a total of 15 inches in length. After that, it should be turned in.



If you notice moisture's stopped beading up on the outside of ECWCS, use water-repellent additive, NSN 8030-01-408-9446, next time you wash it. Follow the additive instructions on the label.